

Breakout Session

Training While in Disaster Mode vs. Pre-deployment Training

To date, much of the Katrina training has been limited duration, quickly developed, awareness training. Why? Has this been effective? What are the barriers preventing more traditional comprehensive training? How can these be overcome?

- Training should be evaluated, tool to measure effectiveness on future training sessions.
- Consider a longitudinal study on individuals who got trained. Focus groups is a potential. Anecdotal evidence versus I&I data.
- Training should be mandated through contracts and subcontracts; Contractors should be educated on contractor requirements; Contract provisions should be enforced by the letting agency.
- Use NIEHS terminology developed in minimum criteria.
- Jobs should be defined better by letting agencies (Abatement versus demo).

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Are there pre-deployment courses that should be developed and provided that would be appropriate in a future NRP activated training response? Are there other courses that may be useful?

- **Pandemic Infectious airborne diseasesan information booklet should be developed now by NIEHS aimed aimed at workers.**
- **Issue: Lack of communication through agencies should be improved, including information on multiple resources for pre-deployment.**
- **There is a need to develop a gaps analysis on airborne hazards, be they typical construction/industrial, disaster, biological, physical, energy→all hazards approach?**
- **Recommendation: continue to explore possibility of requiring training prior to workers being deployed in a disaster setting.**
- **Can we develop a TTT within WETP on how to do post disaster training?**

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How can the WETP and/or the responding Grantees influence the shift toward more comprehensive training away from limited duration “just-in-time” training?

- **NIEHS should develop an outreach program on value of preparedness training**

Pre-deployment Training Challenges

Workers are reluctant to participate if they believe that training may not be needed. No mandate for training, no interest in training

Recommendation

ID pre-deployment training that should be mandated, look back to past recommendations.

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To what extent has language been a barrier to training delivery? How has this issue been addressed? How can this issue be effectively addressed in future responses?

- ID group leaders within a target population to break down language, cultural, and training issues.
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Has the OSHA HASP been effective in stimulating employers to undertake proper training? If not, has this been a barrier to training implementation? Recommendations to address this issue?

- **No incentive for employers to follow HASP**
- **Recommendations? Legislation? Have OSHA do enforcement. ID motivation to follow HASP and OSHA and agency regulations.**

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